Dear polio eradication supporter,
This month, global health leaders announced US$1.2 billion in new funding to support the global polio eradication effort. The importance of this global commitment to finishing the job is underscored by outbreaks of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus in Syria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Strong leadership and adequate resources will continue to play an invaluable role as the world closes in on eradication.

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Global Health leaders commit US$ 1.2 billion to polio eradication
On 12 June, global health leaders gathered to announce US$1.2 billion in funding for polio eradication at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Announcements were made by endemic country representatives, donors and leaders from GPEI partners, signalling a renewed international commitment to ending polio. This new funding will help protect more than 450 million children from the virus each year through vaccination and disease surveillance.  [Read more]

Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus confirmed in Syria and the DRC
Outbreaks of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV) have been confirmed in Syria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Circulating VDPVs are extremely rare forms of polio, mutated from live, weakened strains in the oral polio vaccine that can emerge in under-immunised-populations over a long period of time. The polio programme is using proven strategies to respond quickly in order to stamp out cVDPV in both countries.

Data as of 21 June 2017, compared to the same point in 2016.
**Dr Margaret Chan: Champion for polio eradication**

After 10 years as the WHO Director-General, Dr. Margaret Chan's term has come to a close. During her tenure, Dr. Chan oversaw numerous milestones in the polio eradication effort, including the end of polio in India and a record low case count in 2016. Her dedication has played an pivotal role in bringing polio to the brink of eradication, and positions the next Director-General to take the world across the finish line. [Read more]

**POLIO IN THE NEWS**

- **The Globe and Mail**: Canada pledges $75-million (U.S.) as world aims to eradicate polio
- **Gulf News**: UAE pledges $30 million to polio eradication
- **Washington Post**: We're closer than ever to eradicating polio – and yet there’s Syria

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**Syria outbreak response**

Michel Zaffran, Director for Polio Eradication at WHO, explains the recent cVDPV outbreak in Syria and steps available to mitigate the challenge. [Watch video]

**Vaccinating in conflict zones**

Past experience is helping vaccinators reach children in areas of conflict. [Read more]

**PPG elects new Co-Chair**

Ambassador/Deputy Permanent Representative Mitsuko Shino of the Permanent Mission of Japan has taken on the role as co-chair of the Polio Partners Group. [Read more]

**KOFIH supports surveillance in Nigeria**

The Korea Foundation for International Healthcare are supporting the search for polio in northern Nigeria, playing a key role in the outbreak response. [Read more]

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After being given a dose of the polio vaccine, a child in Lahore, Pakistan, shows off the purple dot of ink on his finger that shows monitors he has been protected. @ WHO EMRO

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